Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Monday 11 Apr 2022 until 23:59 on Tuesday 12 Apr 2022

Forecast Issued on Monday 11 Apr 2022 at 03:13 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Mainly high. Medium for details of cloud and hill fog. Low for extent of rain on Friday.

Headline for Monday 11 Apr 2022: Cloudy with rain and hill snow later. Strong to gale southeasterly winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Monday 11 Apr 2022

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Medium Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Light snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability					
10%	10%	20%	50%	70%	60%

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Weather: Dry through the early hours but largely cloudy with isolated hill fog. Through the day it will stay mainly cloudy, with a few bright spells in the morning. Thickening cloud with outbreaks of rain in the afternoon and evening, falling as sleet or snow above 700 m in the north and east, though mainly confined to the mountain tops across Skye and Lochalsh. Easterly or southeasterly winds gradually strengthening through the day with gales for exposed summits and ridges in the afternoon and evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70% chance in morning with best chances across the Cullin Hills, Glen Shiel, Glen Affric and Torridon, lower chances further north. Likelihood will reduce across all hills through the afternoon as thicker cloud and rain spread north, with a 30% chance late-afternoon and evening.

Low cloud and visibility: Good visibility early hours until early-afternoon but very poor in isolated hill fog with cloud bases 400-600 m, mainly north. Afternoon and evening rain will lower visibility to moderate at times, and more in the way of hill fog above 300 m.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	18/21 SE	26/31 SE	27/35 SE	29/38 SE	39/49 E	37/47 SE	32/41 SE
900	17/20 SE	22/28 SE	25/33 SE	29/37 SE	36/46 E	34/44 SE	30/39 SE
600	12/16 SE	17/23 SE	20/27 SE	22/32 SE	26/37 E	24/34 SE	22/31 SE
300	7/14 E	6/19 E	9/24 SE	11/28 E	9/33 E	8/31 E	8/27 E
Glen	10/14 E	12/17 E	12/21 E	17/30 E	18/34 E	16/31 E	16/28 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	0/-6	1/-7	2/-5	2/-4	1/-8	-1/-10	-0/-9
900	1/-5	1/-5	3/-4	3/-3	2/-6	0/-8	0/-7
600	4/-1	4/-0	6/1	6/1	4/-2	3/-4	3/-3
300	4/1	6/4	9/7	9/6	7/4	5/2	5/2
Glen	7/4	9/6	12/9	12/8	9/6	8/4	8/4
Freezing Level*	1000m	1200m	1200m	1400m	1000m	1000m	1300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Winds at elevation will be slightly stronger than values indicated in table.

Forecast for Tuesday 12 Apr 2022
Weather: Cloudy with outbreaks of rain through the day, turning more persistent through the afternoon with a lot of hill fog in the east. Best of the conditions will be across the Skye and other hills sheltered from the east. Initially windy with southeasterly gales across the exposed summits and ridges, but easing through the afternoon.

Maximum wind: Easterly or southeasterly, peaking in the early hours mean 45-50 mph gusting 55-65 mph. Risk of summit gales persisting until mid-afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10% in northeast, 60% in southwest. Best chances across Cullin Hills.

Low cloud and visibility: Good visibility away from rain and hill fog. Rain will occasionally lower visibility to moderate. Very Poor visibility in hill fog with widespread cloud bases 300-500 m in north and east, more isolated bases 600-800 m in west.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 Celsius increasing to Plus 10 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 1 Celsius.
Freezing level: Mainly above summits, but 700 m in north through the morning.

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